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1. SUMMARY: SIX-MEMBER FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION MADE
INCONSEQUENTIAL ORIENTATION VISIT TO CYPRUS JANUARY 16-22.
IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS DELEGATION MEMBERS SHOWED STRONG PRE-
DISPOSITION IN FAVOR OF GREEK POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. DELEGATION CONSISTED OF SOCIALIST DEPUTY ALAIN VIVIEN,
GAULLIST DEPUTY PIERRE-BERNARD COUSTE, RADICAL PARTY DEPUTY
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JACQUELINE-THOME PATENOTRE, INDEPENDENT SENATOR PIERRE
MARCILHACY, SOCIALIST SENATOR JEAN PERIDIER, COMMUNIST
SENATOR MARIE-THERESE GOUTMAN. DURING VISIT DELEGATION
MET ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH,
GOC FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES AND OTHER GOC
MINISTERS, GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS,
PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES KYPRIANOU, GREEK

CYPRIOT PARTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THEY ALSO MET WITH GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES AND VISITED A REFUGEE CAMP.

3. BEFORE DEPARTING CYPRUS VIVIEN STATED " THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO A VERY DELICATE PROBLEM. I BELIEVE THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING THE MEANS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE STATE AND ALSO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE FOR ALL CITIZENS." REFERRING TO DELEGATION'S MEETING WITH DENKTASH, HE SAID: "WE DID NOT COME AWAY FROM THE MEETING CONVINCED OF THAT SIDES DESIRE TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT SINCE THE PROPOSALS THEY SET OUT FOR US ARE NOT IN REALITY COMPROMISE PROPOSALS THAT COULD AID IN ANY PROGRESS."

4. GOUTMAN, WHO ON DAY OF ARRIVAL ANNOUNCED THAT "WE SHOULD INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS SO THAT EVERY REFUGEE RETURNS TO HIS HOME," TOLD LOCAL COMMUNIST DAILY HARAVGHI SHORTLY BEFORE HER DEPARTURE THAT CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL BE RAISED IN FRENCH SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, ADDING THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT COULD PLAY A MORE SERIOUS ROLE IN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE JUST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

5. GREEK CYPRIOT MEDIA HAVE PERCEIVED DELEGATION AS SYMPATHETIC TO GOC AND GREEK CYPRIOT VIEWPOINTS. VISIT RECEIVED GENEROUS COVERAGE ON GOC-CONTROLLED RADIO AND TV. CONSERVATIVE PAPER AGHON HAILED VISIT AS TANGIBLE
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PROOF OF GREAT INTEREST OF OFFICIAL FRANCE IN CAUSE OF CYPRUS, ADDING "AFTER GREECE, FRANCE HAS PERHAPS DONE MORE FOR US THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY." SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS WAS "MOVED BY THE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION" AND HOPED MORE SUCH VISITS WOULD FOLLOW.
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